

Appl. No. 10/669,582
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 11 and 12 have been canceled as redundant, in view of the amendments to the remaining claims in the case. The cancellation of these claims is without prejudice to Applicant's right to further prosecution of said claims in later-filed applications. Claims 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16 are now in the case.

Claim 8 has been amended to recite the organic sulfur compounds of original Claim 3, and to require the presence of at least one of the dye fixing agents or fabric abrasion reducing polymers of original Claims 9 and 10. Claims 9 and 10 have been amended to relate specifically to "said" ingredients. Claim 8 has also been amended to recite the optional presence of a deterative surfactant, per original Claim 12. Claims 13 and 16 have been amended to correct a transcribing error with respect to the thiodipropionic acid. Method Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from Claim 8. It is submitted that all amendments are fully supported, and entry is requested.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112

All claims stand rejected in view of the structural formula and the "dithiodipropionic" acid, as discussed at pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

It is submitted that the amendments presented herewith fully meet these rejections under §112. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter of Claims 9 and 10 is allowable, subject to proper claim revision (Office Action p. 6).

The dye fixative/abrasion reducing polymer are now recited in Claim 8, pursuant to the Examiners's helpful comments. Claims 9 and 10 recite their preferred usage levels and Claim 13 recites a preferred sulfur compound. Accordingly it is submitted that Claims 8, 9, 10 and 13 all define patentable subject matter.


Moreover, since the composition of Claim 8 is patentable, it follows that the use of the composition (per Claims 14, 15 and 16) is also patentable, as a matter of law.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that Claims 8-10 and 13-16 are patentable. Early and favorable action on these claims is therefore requested.

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